
Introduced by Senator Denham

February 22, 2005

An act relating to environmental quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 673, as introduced, Denham. CEQA: legislative intent: housing projects.

The existing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would revise the requirements of CEQA governing the environmental review of proposed residential housing projects in urban areas that have demonstrated housing shortages.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would revise the requirements of the California
- 3 Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with
- 4 Section 21000)) of the Public Resources Code governing the
- 5 environmental review of proposed residential housing projects in
- 6 urban areas that have demonstrated housing shortages.

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